



Bachelor of Science

Major: Physics

Specialization: Science Teaching

2023-2024 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.00 Minor/Career Interest(s) _____

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the

[Undergraduate Catalog](#).

First Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 101	Exploration of Teaching and Learning		1		
SGR #1	ENGL 101 Composition I	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SGR #5	MATH 123 Calculus I	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required.	4		
PHYS 119	First Year Seminar in Physics		1	F	
PHYS 185-185L	Astronomy I and Lab	Suggested Physics Major Technical Elective	3	F	
PHYS 211-211L	University Physics I and Lab (SGR #6)	c. MATH 123	5		
Total Credit Hours			17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CHEM 112-112L	General Chemistry I and Lab	p. MATH 114 or higher	4		
SGR #2	CMST 101 Foundations of Communication	Grade of C or higher required.	3		
MATH 125	Calculus II	p. MATH 123	4		
PHYS 213-213L	University Physics II and Lab (SGR #6)	c. MATH 125	5		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CHEM 114-114L	General Chemistry II and Lab	p. CHEM 112-112L and MATH 114 or higher	4		
MATH 225	Calculus III	p. MATH 125	4		
MATH 321	Differential Equations	p. MATH 125	3		
PHYS 316-316L	Measurement Theory and Lab	p. PHYS 213-213L or PHYS 113-113L	2	F	
PHYS 331	Introduction to Modern Physics	p. PHYS 213-213L or PHYS 113-113L	3	F	
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education		3		
EE 216-216L	Linear Circuits I and Lab	c. MATH 125	4	S	
ENGL 201 or ENGL 277	Composition II (SGR #1) or Technical Writing in Engineering (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101 p. ENGL 101 and PHYS 119	3		
PHYS 341	Thermodynamics	p. MATH 225	2	F	
PHYS 343	Statistical Physics	p. MATH 321	2	F	
PHYS 437	Foundations of Health Physics	p. MATH 123 and PHYS 213-213L	3	S-even	
Total Credit Hours			17		



Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts	c. EDFN 351; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required	3		
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I	c. EDFN 340; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	1		
GEOG 210	World Regional Geography (SGR #3)	SGR #3 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3		
PHIL 200	Introduction to Logic (SGR #4)	SGR #4 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 1 modern language sequence	3		
PHYS 451	Classical Mechanics	p. MATH 321 and 225	4	F	
Total Credit Hours			14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 352-352L	Teaching and Learning II and Lab	p. EDFN 351; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	5		
PHYS 421	Electromagnetism	p. MATH 321 and 225	4	S	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 1 modern language sequence	3-4		
Free Elective			3-4		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 453-453L	Teaching and Learning III and Lab	p. EDFN 352; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required	7		
SEED 413	Science Methods		3		
SEED 450	Reading and Content Literacy	p. Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	2		
Total Credit Hours			12		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 454	Teaching and Learning IV	p. EDFN 453; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	11		
SEED 456	Capstone/Action Research	c. EDFN 454	1		
Total Credit Hours			12		

Comments/Notes

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the [Honors program requirements](#).

If math placement is to take MATH 115, take MATH 115 and CHEM 112/L. In the following semester, take MATH 123 and PHYS 211/L.

If math placement is to take MATH 114, take MATH 114 and CHEM 112/L. In the following semester, take MATH 115 and CHEM 114/L.

As part of this program, students must complete:

- a capstone course in the major (SEED 413)